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NEWS RELEASE

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Wild Card 2 Jackpot Hit Again By a North Dakota Player

Bismarck – Daniel Mayers' friend, Tim Weber, owns Tim's Quick Stop in Thompson, ND. Knowing Mayers plays Wild Card 2, Weber called Mayers after he found out his store sold the winning jackpot ticket for Wild Card 2 this past Saturday. Mayers checked his ticket. His wife, Debbie, checked a second time and told Weber, "Yes, he has all the numbers." Daniel Mayers won \$263,699.

News travels fast. Another friend called from the Green Bay Packers game in Minneapolis' Dome to find out if the news was true. "Guess it's not a secret anymore," Mayers said.

Daniel Mayers and his wife, Debbie, drove to the state capitol in Bismarck today, picked up a check for \$183,166, had lunch, and drove back home to share their good fortune with their 11 year old daughter.

"We asked our daughter where she would you like to go and she said to a Vikings game," said Debbie Mayers. The Mayers think they'll go to a Vikings game and possibly Hawaii, too, after they tuck some of the money away in an account for their daughter's education.

This is the second time a player in North Dakota has won the Wild Card 2 Jackpot. A winning jackpot ticket was sold this past July at the Michigan Amoco in Michigan, ND. That jackpot amount was \$420,094.

Wild about Wild Card 2

Since Wild Card 2 was launched here on September 23, 2004 it has had 440,630 North Dakota winners that have shared over \$1.5 million placing it in the number two spot here after Powerball. Wild Card 2 is played in four states -- North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and Idaho.

October Produces Winners

October has seen a number of lottery winners. In addition to the \$263,699 Wild Card 2 Jackpot winner, Farmers Union Oil in Beulah sold two winning tickets to a pair of women from Zap; a \$5,000 Wild Card 2 ticket to Diane Grounds and \$10,000 Hot Lotto ticket to Diana Gilbert. Herman Oil in Williston sold a \$200,000 winning Powerball ticket to a woman from Rhame, ND. Sherryl Koop, Grand Forks, won \$10,000 playing Hot Lotto and a \$50,000 Powerball with Power Play ticket sold at Stamart in Fargo remains unclaimed.

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